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AIR ASSAULT BATTALION AND SIGNAL REGIMENT
PETROZAVODSK, USSR

1. (S/D) **SIGNIFICANCE:** A NEW AIR ASSAULT BATTALION (BN) (GRAPHIC 1) WAS IDENTIFIED AT PETROZAVODSK ARMY BARRACKS WEST AL 8 IN THE LENINGRAD MILITARY DISTRICT (MD) [REDACTED] THIS IS THE SECOND NEW NON-DIVISIONAL UNIT RECENTLY IDENTIFIED AT THIS INSTALLATION. THE OTHER WAS A SIGNAL REGIMENT (REGT) (GRAPHIC 2) INITIALLY IDENTIFIED [REDACTED] (SEE NPIC AFTERNOON SUMMARY REPORT 82-3268 FOI [REDACTED] ITEM 33). BOTH UNITS PROBABLY FORMED BETWEEN [REDACTED]

2. (S/D) **REMARKS:** MAJOR EQUIPMENT IDENTIFIED IN THE AIR ASSAULT BN INCLUDED 12 BMD ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC), THREE BMD M-1979 APC, AND ONE GAZ-66.

(S/D) [REDACTED] THE SIGNAL REGT WAS IDENTIFIED WITH A CONFIGURATION COMPARABLE TO REGIMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH ARMIES. MAJOR EQUIPMENT IDENTIFIED INCLUDED TWO R-102M RADIO VANS, 24 R-405 RADIO VANS, SIX CABLE LAYERS, 174 RADIO VAN TRUCKS, AND 47 GENERATOR TRAILERS.

(S/D) ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- ALTHOUGH THE SUBORDINATION IS UNDETERMINED, BOTH OF THESE NEW UNITS ARE IN THE 6TH ARMY AREA. THE AIR ASSAULT UNIT IS THE SECOND IDENTIFIED IN THE LENINGRAD MD AND THE 17TH IN THE SOVIET UNION, THE GROUPS OF FORCES, AND THE SOVIET FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN. THE SIGNAL REGT HAS THE CONFIGURATION OF A TYPICAL ARMY-LEVEL SIGNAL REGT. HOWEVER, THE SIGNAL REGT FOR THE 6TH ARMY IS NORMALLY HOUSED AT MURMANSK HQ MTZ R DIV/BARRACKS AL 1 [REDACTED] AND WAS IN GARRISON [REDACTED] NO SOVIET ARMY IS KNOWN TO HAVE TWO SIGNAL REGIMENTS. PETROZAVODSK AL 8 PREVIOUSLY HOUSED A MOTORIZED RIFLE REGIMENT OF THE MOTORIZED RIFLE DIVISION WHICH RELOCATED TO LAKHDENPOKHIA ARMY BARRACKS AL 1 [REDACTED] BETWEEN MAY AND SEPTEMBER 1981. [REDACTED]

3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 61-47-59N 034-16-47E

4. (S/D) **COLLATERAL REFERENCES:** CAN. ORDER OF BATTLE - SOVIET GROUND FORCES, 1980, 19 SEPT 1980, (SECRET [REDACTED])

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